

## Waiver Application DHEC School Dental Program

### **Eligibility for DHEC School –Based Dental Program**

A school eligibility for participation in the DHEC School-Based Dental Prevention Program is based on the “South Carolina Students on Free-Reduced Lunch and/or Medicaid Data Based on Precode and Medicaid Eligibility Files Report.” A participating school is defined as having 50 percent or higher student population on Free-Reduced Lunch and/or Medicaid.

### **Waiver Application by School**

If a school is not eligible for participation in the DHEC School-Based Dental Prevention Program, the *school* can submit a written request for a waiver to participate in the School Dental Program based on documented evidence of unmet oral health needs of their students.

### **Evidence of Unmet Dental Needs**

The DHEC School-Based Dental Program, will use any of the following criteria to determine if there are unmet dental needs:

- 2002 Oral Health Needs Assessment Data
- Poverty index for community
- Number of dentists and ratio of dentists to the population
- Federal designation as a dental health professional shortage area
- Children identified with toothaches by the school nurses and Head Start programs

### **Once the school has completed the waiver application, it is sent to:**

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control  
MCHB/Oral Health Division  
Director  
Christine Veschusio  
1751 Calhoun St.  
Columbia, SC 29201